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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

Each undersigned inventor hereby declare(s) that:

- My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe that I am, in conjunction with any joint inventor(s) named herein, the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM OR DE-MYELINATING DISEASE**, the patent application for which was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/646,579, filed as a U.S. national phase application on 18 September 2000, and having met the requirements of 35 USC §102(e) and 35 USC §371 on 27 December 2000, which application claims priority to PCT international application number PCT/GB99/00876, filed 19 March 1999; and which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/269,607, filed 26 July 1999, and as amended by any amendments filed since.
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GB 9805913.2	GB	19/03/1998	Yes
PCT/GB97/02667	PCT	29/09/1997	No
GB 9620195.9	GB	29/09/1996	No

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